

1. A method of closing a skin laceration wherein the laceration extends through the dermis and the subcutaneous fat layer comprising:

- (a) providing a gold suture;
- 5 (b) inserting the suture into the dermis and through the subcutaneous fat layer on one side of the laceration;
- (c) inserting the suture at the base of the laceration;
- (d) inserting the suture through the subcutaneous fat layer and into the dermis on the other side of the laceration to form a loop under the skin;
- 10 (e) repeating the steps (b)-(d) in another insertion 3 to 5 mm from the loop to close the laceration; and
- (f) tightening the suture line by applying tension to the loops to bring one side of the laceration into contact with the other side of the laceration.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein step (e) of repeating the steps in another insertion 3 to 5 mm from the loop is performed in a continuous manner.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein step (e) of repeating the steps in another insertion 3 to 5 mm from the loop is performed in an interrupted manner and wherein step (f) of tightening the suture is performed following step (d).

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the base of the laceration is a part of the aponeurosis.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the suture is tacked on the aponeurosis.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein knots are formed on both ends of the suture, leaving the entire suture under the skin.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the suture is inserted between hair follicles in hair-bearing skin regions.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein the gold suture is a braided suture comprising gold and bioabsorbable threads.
9. The suture of claim 8 wherein the suture has a thickness in the range of 2 to 10 gauge.
10. The suture of claim 9 wherein the suture is braided with 3 to 9 threads.
11. The suture of claim 8 wherein the suture comprises 1 to 5 gold threads.
12. The suture of claim 8 wherein the suture comprises 1 to 5 bioabsorbable threads.
13. The suture of claim 8 wherein the suture comprises 50% gold threads and 50% bioabsorbable threads.
14. The suture of claim 8 wherein the bioabsorbable threads can be selected from polymeric threads and non-polymeric threads.
15. The suture of claim 8 wherein the gold threads are from different gold alloys.
16. The suture of claim 8 wherein the suture is attached to different types of needles.
17. The suture of claim 8 wherein the suture has a braid angle of 45 degrees.

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